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FIRST DAY

Senate Chamber,
Austin, Texas,
Tuesday, February 26, 1918.

In obedience to the call of His Excellency, Hon. W. P. Hobby, Governor of the State of Texas, convening the Thirty-fifth Legislature in Fourth Special Session this, the 26th day of February, 1918, the Senate met in the Senate Chamber of the Capitol in the city of Austin at 10 o'clock a. m. and was called to order by Acting Lieutenant Governor W. A. Johnson.

Temporary Officers.

The Chair announced the appointment of the following temporary officers: Secretary, Ralph Soape of Rusk County; Journal Clerk, T. H. Yarbrough of Montague County; Sergeant-at-Arms, M. F. Hornbuckle of Bosque County; Doorkeeper, Capt. Geo. T. Walker of Travis County; Calendar Clerk, W. C. Day of Harris County; Engrossing Clerk, Mrs. Clara Hemphill of Travis County; Enrolling Clerk, Mrs. Albert Stelfox of Travis County.

Roll Call.

The Chair directed the Secretary to call the roll of the Senate. A quorum was present, the following Senators answering to their names:

Alderdice.	Hopkins.
Bailey.	Johnson of Hall.
Buchanan of Bell.	Johnston of Harris.
Buchanan of Scurry.	Lattimore.
Caldwell.	McNealus.
Clark.	Page.
Collins.	Smith.
Dayton.	Strickland.
Dean.	Suiter.
Dechard.	Westbrook.
Hall.	Woodward.

Absent—Excused.

Bee.	Hudspeth.
Floyd.	McCollum.
Gibson.	Parr.
Henderson.	Robbins.

Prayer by Rev. S. H. Morgan of Bastrop County.

Proclamation by the Governor of the State of Texas.

I, W. P. Hobby, Governor of Texas, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the State of Texas in Article 4, Section 8, do hereby call an extraordinary session of the Legislature to convene in the City of Austin, Texas, at ten o'clock a. m., Tuesday, February 26, A. D. 1918, for the following purposes, to wit:

1. To enact a law to prohibit the sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, or medicated bitters, capable of producing intoxication, by any person in the State of Texas, within ten miles of any camp where soldiers of the United States Army, or Navy, or Marines, are being trained for military service in time of war, and to make a single sale a violation, punishable as a felony.

2. To enact a law to prohibit the sale of spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, or medicated bitters, capable of producing intoxication, to any person engaged, employed or enlisted in the military or naval service of the United States and in uniform, and to make such sale unlawful and to define each sale as an offense and to affix the punishment for violation thereof as a felony.

3. To enact a law to prohibit the sale of any spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, or medicated bitters, capable of producing intoxication, to any person engaged, employed or enlisted in the military or naval service of the United States and in uniform,

and to make such sale unlawful and to define each sale as an offense and to affix the punishment for violation thereof as a felony.

4. To enact a law to prohibit any person from directly or indirectly purchasing for, procuring for or giving to any person employed, enlisted or engaged in the military forces of the United States, whether in uniform or not, and from directly or indirectly delivering to any person employed, enlisted or engaged in the military or naval forces of the United States, whether in uniform or not at the time of such purchase for, procurement, or gift, or delivery to, of any spirituous, vinous or malt liquors, or medicated bitters, capable of producing intoxication, and providing that each such act shall be an offense and to provide punishment thereof as a felony.

5. To enact a law to prohibit any person from soliciting any person engaged, employed or enlisted in the Military or Naval service of the United States, to meet, make an appointment with, or otherwise come in contact with any lewd woman, or to have unlawful relation with any immoral woman and to make such solicitation unlawful and the punishment thereof a felony.

6. To enact such legislation as in the judgment of the Legislature may be necessary and proper to meet the unusual conditions that have arisen on account of the severe drouth recently prevailing in this State, providing relief for the citizens in drouth stricken sections, especially in those sections where the food and feed crops have been failures during the past season, and rendering available for immediate use such credits as may be extended by the United States through its designated depositories.

7. To enact legislation making effective the amendment to the Constitution of the State, adopted by the people in August, 1917, which is Article 16, Section 59, of the Constitution, providing for the conservation of the natural resources of the State.

8. To enact an adequate and uniform depository law for the State of Texas.

9. To consider and act upon such other matters of vital importance as may be presented by the Governor pursuant to Section 40, Article 3, of the Constitution of Texas.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name officially and caused to be impressed hereon the seal of state, at the city of Austin, Texas, this 19th day of February, A. D. 1918.

(Seal)

W. P. HOBBY,

Governor of Texas.

By the Governor:

GEO. F. HOWARD,

Secretary of State.

President Pro Tem.—Election Of.

The Chair announced that nominations for President Pro Tem. of the Senate for the ensuing Fourth Called Session were now in order.

Senator Westbrook placed in nomination for that place Senator E. A. Decherd of Robertson County.

The nomination was seconded by Senators Dean, Clark, Smith, Lattimore, Alderdice, Dayton and Johnston of Harris.

There being no other nominations, the Chair declared nominations closed, and appointed as tellers Senators Westbrook, Clark and Smith.

Senator Decherd received eighteen votes, being a majority of all votes cast, and was declared to be duly and constitutionally elected President Pro Tempore of the Senate during the Fourth Called Session of the Thirty-fifth Legislature.

The Chair appointed Senators Lattimore, Dean and Alderdice as a committee to escort President Pro Tem. Decherd to the President's stand, whereupon he took the constitutional oath of office, administered by Acting Lieutenant Governor Johnson.

President Pro Tem. Decherd addressed the Senate briefly and then took the chair and presided.

Report of Caucus Committee.

Senate Chamber,

Austin, Texas, Feb. 26, 1918.

Hon. E. A. Decherd, President Pro Tem. of the Senate.

Sir: Upon the call of Senator McNealus, chairman of the last caucus held by the Texas Senate, a caucus was held in the Finance Room of the Senate on last night, attended by a majority of the members of the Senate, to determine the number and the personnel of the employees and offi-